

Community Energy Conference

4 July 2024 – 10:30-15:30
The Catalyst, Helix, Newcastle

Agenda

10:30 Registration

11:00 Conference starts: Introductory presentations

- *George Middlemiss, local energy analyst, Regen*
- *Louise Lowes, director of customer service, Northern Powergrid*
- *Phillip Coventry, head of operations, Community Energy England*

11:20 Main session 1: Choice of interactive sessions

Option 1: Panel session – Collaborative pathways to local decarbonisation

- *Andy Dean, chief executive, Northumberland CAN*
- *David Still, director, Humshaugh Net Zero*
- *Hannah Davison, senior climate change & sustainability manager, Northumberland County Council*

Option 2: Workshop on raising finance, hosted by Ethex

Exploring best practices, key lessons from other organisations and how to engage with investors.

12:20 Local decarbonisation in action – presentations from local community organisations

Durham Community Energy Study

Leo Thomson, director, Durham Community Energy

12:40 Lunch and networking

Food and refreshments are provided.

13:20 Main session 2: Quickfire workshops

Participants rotate until they have attended all three workshops

1. *Community DSO innovation project – Jane Watson, innovation engagement lead, Northern Powergrid*
2. *Community participation in developer-led renewable projects – Jess Hogan, energy analyst, Regen*
3. *Insights into the community energy sector – Phillip Coventry, head of operations, Community Energy England*

14:30 Networking drinks and surgeries

Opportunity for attendees to network, speak to exhibitors and attend surgeries (Community DSO, Northern Powergrid Net Zero Community Energy Fund). Exhibitors include: The Centre for Energy Equality and the Northern Powergrid Foundation.

15:30 Close